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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit:

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For: ION GENERATING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTHonorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in
the attached appendix:

Page 46, line 1: WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, in which the
one or more needles are made of a material selected from the
group consisting of: titanium, platinum, a compound of
titanium and platinum, silver, stainless steel, brass, nickel,
and an alloy of these materials.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, in which

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